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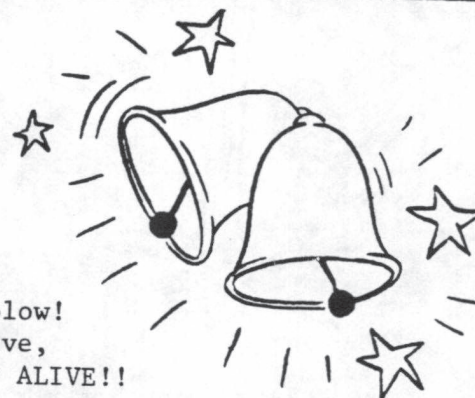
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## January



January comes with ice and snow  
and fog, or else the cold winds blow!  
So wrap up well and CAREFULLY drive,  
We'd like to see you---preferably ALIVE!!

Election's over and officers new  
Hope to soon be greeting you.  
On the 24th, 'twill be our pleasure  
To help protect your greatest treasure.  
To protect YOURSELF 'gainst varied crimes  
Come hear our speaker--Officer Grimes.

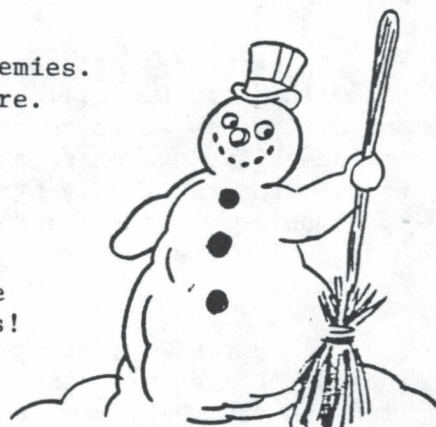
It's much easier to be critical  
than to be correct.

If you growl all day, it's perfectly  
natural to be dog-tired at night.

The average time between throwing  
something out and needing badly  
is about two weeks.

ALWAYS forgive your enemies.  
Nothing annoys them more.

Whatever the person at the next table  
orders ALWAYS looks better than yours!

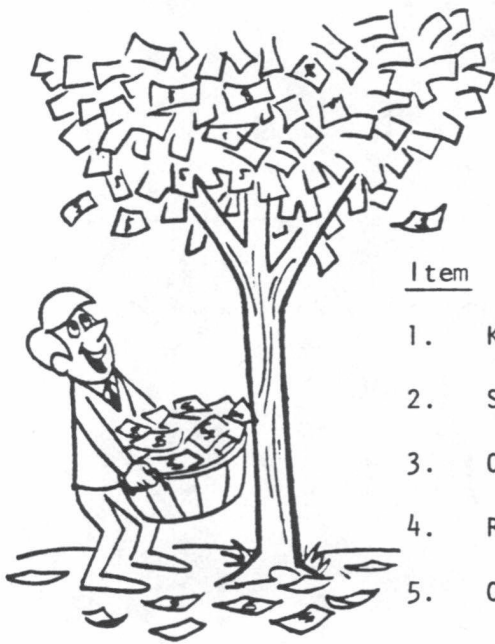


Sometimes all the early bird gets is up!



# Let's get lucky!

JANUARY DRAWING



| <u>Item</u>                                 | <u>Rarity</u> |
|---------------------------------------------|---------------|
| 1. Kenyon Club, Good for 5¢ in trade.....   | R-1           |
| 2. Spriggs & Crooks, Park City.....         | R-1           |
| 3. Coombs Drug, SLC, for trade.....         | R-1           |
| 4. Riley's Place, good for 5¢ in trade..... | R-1           |
| 5. One Mexican 2 peso coin, .....           | Gold          |

YOUR FIRST CHANCE OF THE NEW YEAR TO GET LUCKY!! BUY YOUR TICKETS AND WIN THE FIRST GOLD COIN OF 1985! If you don't, I will!!

## INTERESTING NOTES FROM:

...After the Christmas Party and the fun drawing for tokens, how many of you went home and checked your tokens CAREFULLY against our Token Bible, "Campbell's Tokens of Utah"? Your Editor did...and so did Frank Sommer, our Treasurer--with the surprising result of finding that we each had a token that was NOT LISTED!!! In other words (and until more show up) we have a couple of R-10's. I don't know how the rest of you feel but I found it exciting to discover that apparently the Riley's Place token which I received had not been previously listed. And, nice, calm, placid Frank was anything but calm as he told me of checking out his (now don't laugh) Ball's!!! Because the Ball's token that Frank has doesn't appear to be listed either.!!! Are we walking on air? You betcha!

Frank has another little item to be pleased about. He finally had a chance to get with Harry Campbell to check out another token which he has had for quite some time and discovered it to be (as he suspicioned) a TERRITORIAL PIECE!! Isn't that neat! Incidentally, our hard-to-resist Lance Johnson, our new Vice President, managed to get Frank outdoors January 6th actually metal-detecting and while the finds were not spectacular, I understand that they got about 50 coins altogether. Not bad for the middle of winter. I thought John Attebury would turn green with envy when he heard about it!

By the way, as most of you know, your Editor is more of an "Accumulator" than a "Collector" since collecting infers that one makes a deliberate choice of items to save, while accumulating would indicate someone who hangs on to almost anything and everything--which I do! The point this brings me to is to ask what is the oldest (authenticated) item of any kind you have in your collections? I'd like to know. Would you?

.....Editor



*From*

*The*



*Head Nut*

Dear NUTS:

January has finally arrived; New Year's Day has come and gone. First, I would like to thank all of you who took the trouble to vote in the last election and to thank you for electing me as President. Two-thirds of the members who were eligible to vote did so and that is a tremendous record and far, far better than most Clubs attain! With the other new officers you elected, 1985 is going to be a great year for NUTS!! Let me also thank last year's officers for a job well done. Among many other things, the Christmas dinner was a great success. If you missed it, you missed good food, good company, and a good time!

The Governing Board had its first meeting on January 5th. Some traditions will be continued and some new ones are going to be started. Again in 1985, awards will be given for the best article to be published in the Token Hunter; and one to the person who brings in the most new members during 1985. In order to determine who is responsible for new members, we have changed our membership application as you will note elsewhere in this issue.

This will be the first year in which we will produce a NUTS medal. Production of a medal was approved by the members in the last election and plans are being made for it now but we need a good design. One side of the medal will be, of course, the Club logo and the other side will be designed by one of our members! So, we need you to bring in your design ideas as soon as possible.

This will also be the year for the First Annual N.U.T.S. Token and Coin Show. The decision to have a show was unanimously approved by the Governing Board and Bob Campbell was appointed our first Show Chairman. At the meeting on January 24th, Bob will give us some particulars on the Show and we will be asking for your vote of approval.

Our new Wagonmasters, Ken and Bryan, will be asking for your ideas also at the next meeting on where to go on our "digs." If you have a favorite place or somewhere you'd like the Club to visit, please have your suggestions ready.

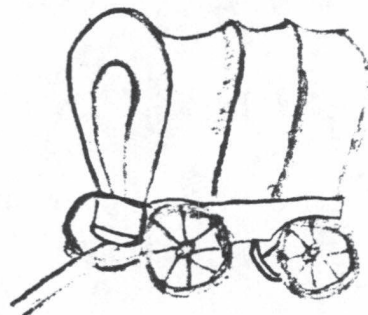
Last, but by no means least, our speaker for January will be Police Officer Pam Grimes. Officer Grimes is with the Salt Lake City Crime Prevention unit and she will be talking to us about personal security. This isn't the kind of lecture where you are told to put a dead-bolt lock on your doors, but rather how to protect YOURSELF when you're out on a dig or when you take your coins to the bank. She will also answer any questions you may have about your personal security. This should be of interest to all of us so I hope you'll all be there.

Finally, let me remind you that January is DUES MONTH so send in your check or bring it to the next meeting. And that about covers this month.

See you at the meeting,  
George

# The Wagonmaster's

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Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-five is here at last and, after a successful, fun-filled 1984, it is time again to start making plans for our outings in 1985.

Ken and I think we have some exciting ideas to put before the Club at our next meeting, January 24th. For example, what do you think about Grass Creek, Kimberly, Alunite, Gold Springs, Gold Hill, Kelton and Terrace? We do, however, need YOUR ideas on planning also.

We would like to expand on some one-day trips for those who are unable to make our usual overnight camping trips so please let us know if you have any spots in mind that you would like to visit for either a campout or just a one-day trip.

Both of us are excited about the New Year and appreciate very much the opportunity to serve the Club as Wagonmasters. We hope you will find this year just as successful as last year.

Fare well for now...we hope to see many of you at the January 24th meeting.

Your Wagonmasters,

Bryan Moulton and Ken Lambson



### C O N G R A T U L A T I O N S !

LOOKS LIKE MR. STORK HAS BEEN WORKING OVERTIME!!

Past President Bob Campbell and his lovely wife, Carol announce the birth at 3:44p.m. on January 10, 1985 of Sarah Joy Campbell. The little miss weighed in at 7 lbs. 9 oz. and 20 inches long. Mother and babe both doing well--can't say so much for Dad!!

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Bruce and Lynn Robinson are also pleased parents. Their baby boy (name still undecided at this time) was born at 4:08 p.m. on January 15, 1985.

The new Master Robinson weighed 7 lbs. 5 oz. and was 20 inches long. The name being considered is Jeffery D.





IN THE FIELD...

This article is oriented toward SAFETY IN THE FIELD. In this instance, I'd like to touch on a subject we all must face sooner or later as we traverse the wide-open spaces of Utah. The subject? "SNAKES."

Snakes--the very word sends chills up and down ones spine and sensations of fear and queasiness run through ones body. For many people that's the way it is--but it needn't be so. Snakes are probably the most misunderstood animals I can think of. People fear them because they don't understand them. They deserve our respect but to fear snakes because of our ignorance, or what we've seen on T.V., or rumors we've heard, is to do a great injustice to a magnificent creature. Let me touch on some important details about snakes in hope it may be an aid to you, the reader, and to the snakes of Utah.

First, the ONLY poisonous snakes native to Utah are the pit vipers--the ones we call RATTLESNAKES. Not all pit vipers are rattlesnakes but the ones without rattles (such as water moccasins) are not native to Utah. To simplify, let's just say if it has a rattle, it's poisonous; if it doesn't, it probably isn't.

However, just because a snake doesn't have a rattle, don't think it won't bite! Many snakes will bite when touched or cornered. Although they won't kill you, many non-poisonous snakes CAN inflict nasty wounds. The best example I know of is the Western Desert Whip Snake. This one can be seen any given day during the summer months along the old Pony Express Trail west of Camp Floyd and all the way to Nevada. It is very slender for its length and will strike at anything that touches it. Although non-poisonous, it is fast moving and vicious when molested; however, when left alone, it will flee.

A number of different species of snakes exist in Utah. Many of these can be handled without difficulty if one knows a few simple things about them. Snakes, such as the gopher, king, corn, and garter snake won't bite unless greatly mishandled. Most people don't know that snakes are extremely sensitive to touch. When handling one of these snakes, the most important thing to know is DON'T GRASP THE SNAKE. Snakes want only to be supported or touched by the belly. Although they may be picked up more easily and safely by grasping them just behind the head, they will then squirm and try to get away until the grasp is released. I've found that most snakes are not hard to handle if they are picked up by sliding BOTH hands UNDERNEATH the snake to lift it. They can then be held, studied and even played with without much struggle. They make great summer pets. They only eat from one to four times a month, don't make any noise, are not messy, don't take up much space, and they are great conversation pieces! All in all, snakes are fun and interesting. They are, however, great escape artists. If you've ever had one, you know what I mean! As I mentioned above, they are SUMMER pets. Snakes native to Utah should be released in late summer as they need time to find a safe den in which to hibernate through the winter. Snakes kept as pets over winter generally do not fare well. It's best to set them free in their natural habitat and let nature take care of them.

Getting back to the main reason for this article, SAFETY IN THE FIELD and poisonous snakes, we should look at the mechanisms that make these snakes function. Learning the peculiarities of the rattlesnake can help us understand its behaviour so we can use the knowledge to our advantage should a potentially dangerous situation arise.



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First, let's look at the snake's tongue. It pops out, flickers up and down a few times and goes back in thru a tiny hole in the upper lip. This happens every second or two whenever the snake is active. WHY? Because this is the snake's only sense of smell! When extended, the tongue picks up molecules from the air and then it is retracted into a notch in the roof of the mouth. This notch, called the Jacob's Organ, interprets the picked up molecules to tell the snake what is around him. Snakes are very near-sighted and need this sense of smell to help them through their habitat.

Next, and perhaps more important for us to know about, is the PIT which sits between the tip of the nose and the eye of a rattlesnake. This pit is why they are called pit vipers. It is a heat-sensitive organ used to detect warm-blooded prey on which the snake feeds. It is a very keen organ and can tell the snake a great deal more than you would believe. This organ tells the snake the size, height, width, diameter and distance away of ANY warm-blooded creature that comes within 5 or 6 feet of the snake. From the snake's viewpoint, it is much better than our eyesight because it even works in the dark. Knowledge of this organ, how it works, and a few other criteria are safety factors we can use to get out of a dangerous situation should one arise.

Let's see how it works. Remember these factors when confronted by a rattlesnake. First, a rattlesnake only strikes for one of two reasons--self-defense or for food. Second, the heat-sensing pit will tell the snake immediately that a human (even a baby) is too large to be swallowed since the snake can only swallow prey up to about twice its own diameter and one-half its length. Because of this, a rattlesnake will only strike a human in self-defense or defense of its nest. Third, the snake loses a great deal of venom after striking and realizes that its defensive and offensive capabilities are greatly diminished for 24 to 48 hours after striking. Therefore, it would rather not strike a human if it doesn't have to. Almost everyone has heard the advice about holding still if you happen upon a rattlesnake and realize it before it strikes. This has happened to me twice. Once near Antimony, Utah, and once in the ghost town of Alunite with my son along. Thank Heaven I'd taught him well and he had faith enough in what I'd taught him that he didn't panic. (I almost did even though I knew better!). Sure enough, within 10 to 15 seconds both times the "Diamond Back" withdrew. Although I've been confronted with many close calls and intense moments in my life, from near terrible accidents on the highways to more than a few terrifying moments during my tour in Vietnam), I don't think I've ever had to fight off fear harder than during that brief moment my son and I stood side by side about 14 inches from a coiled 4 ft. long rattlesnake. It's not a moment to cherish but it sure is one to remember!

Now, let's look at the fangs of the pit vipers. Located in the roof of the mouth, with the snake's ability to open its jaws 180 degrees when striking, the fangs protrude straight ahead during the strike. They are as sharp as cactus thorns and capable of penetrating even a medium thickness of leather, so don't count on a boot to totally protect you from penetration of the fangs although they will keep the fangs from penetrating deeply and MAY keep the bite from being too serious.

Another peculiarity of the reptile is their slithering mode of locomotion which is an adaptation from crawling on legs which they lost through evolution. Yes, snakes evolved from lizards and some constrictors still have remnants of legs and hip joints which are now of no value to them. Snakes also shed their skins a number of times per year instead of just once a year as most people think.

Having discussed how to best DEAL with the confrontation of a snake, we now need to look at what to DO if you ARE bitten by a poisonous snake. There are a couple of dozen viewpoints on this and, as I'm not a doctor, I can't tell you what YOU should do. But I will tell you what I would do! FIRST, I would NOT panic and start running or jumping around because the heart rate MUST be kept down as much as possible. SECOND, I've been told many





times that cutting into the wound and trying to withdraw the poison is usually FUTILE so I wouldn't even try it. What I WOULD do is press on the pressure point of the affected limb to slow down the blood flow rate. Using a belt or even your shirt (with a knot tied in it) as a tourniquet, hold pressure on that pressure point. If you're with a friend (and you SHOULD be--NEVER GO ALONE) have that person put you in a vehicle and get you to the hospital. If you ARE alone, maybe you can get yourself to a hospital or, at least, to a town before you are badly incapacitated by the poison. It doesn't work as rapidly as you might think, especially if the above-mentioned steps are taken and you STAY CALM. Rattlesnake venom is a hemotoxin which attacks the blood, unlike the neurotoxins in the venom of cobras and coral snakes which attacks the central nervous system. It is not as deadly to an adult human as is generally thought. Only about 20 people each year die from snake bite in the United States and MOST of these are from snakes that carry neurotoxic venom--not the pit vipers. I might add here that in the United States each year, more than 100 times that many people are killed by "man's best friend."

In closing, let me touch on a few more items I find interesting about our legless friends. First, don't feel sorry for them because they have no limbs. They have abilities for locomotion and directional stability far simpler and more efficient than those of men. Did you know, for instance, that most snakes can climb trees that even we can't?

Secondly, a snake is a long row of ribs, vertebrae and MUSCLES from neck to tail. They are a lot stronger than they look. Thirdly, the biggest misconception of all is the belief that snakes are slimy! They are NOT. They are very smooth and dry. They do usually feel cool to the touch but that is typical of ANY cold-blooded animal. Lastly, I ask you please DON'T kill a snake just because it IS a snake. They hold a very important niche in our ecosystem as without them, there would be a great many more rodents and many other small nuisance animals that carry human disease. Snakes are our friends even though we have great difficulty relating to them because they are so different from humans.

I hope those of you who have taken the time to read this article will find it beneficial. Space and time do not permit me to pass on all the information about this subject that I would like to give you. If you would like to know more or to talk to me about this at any time, please feel free. I am not a certified herpetologist but just someone who cares about and likes to know about the wildlife in the area where I spend a lot of my time--the beautiful mountains and deserts of Utah.

Ken Lambson, Wagonmaster

HOW LUCKY CAN WE GET? I understand there's a rumor floating around about ANOTHER HOARD being found? No names and no locations are available yet--guess they aren't through with the site yet--but I hear that over 100 Utah tokens were found, some of them unlisted!! Got my fingers crossed (and toes, too) as I sure need a few of those for my puny collection.

PLEASE NOTE: Don Grossaint of THE GOLDBUG CLUB has asked Harry Campbell, author of "Campbell's Tokens of Utah" and founder of National Utah Token Society to give his slide show on tokens to their club on Thursday, February 7th, at 7:30 p.m. They meet in the library at Kearns and this would be a good opportunity for any of OUR members who missed Harry's show to see a really GOOD presentation on TOKENS. In fact, this one is good enough to see twice!! So even if you DID see it before, it would be a good enough one to see again.





# \* \* THE MARKETPLACE \* \*

One or more of these box areas may be purchased for the Buy-Sell-Trade by Members or Non-Members. Cost is \$4.00 per box for 2 months. Send Ad and check by 10th of the month to 6143 Rainy Lane, Murray, Ut. 84107



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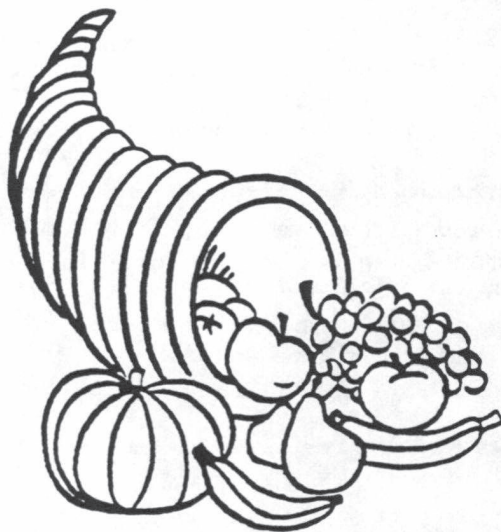
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# Bits & Pieces

JANUARY MEETING N.U.T.S.  
JANUARY 24, 1985  
7:15 p.m.  
Redwood Multi-Purpose Center  
Redwood Road and 3100 South

## SPECIAL NOTICE TO ALL NUTS MEMBERS

Your Editor is attempting to set up a complete file for future use by NUTS officers and members of the TOKEN HUNTER.

In order to do so, I need copies of several of the past issues. If you have any or all of these, please let me borrow them to photocopy..I will return them in good condition!

At the invitation of the Intermountain Treasure Hunters Association of Kaysville, Utah, our Past President Bob Campbell spoke to their group on the 9th of January about Tokens and Coins. Bob says there were about 35 persons in attendance and much interest in our group. In fact, some of them may come down for one of our meetings. If so, let's be sure to make them welcome.

The copies I need are:

June, July, August, December 1982  
April, June, October, November 1983

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